

counselor and champion focusing on business results. She is an advocate for diverse leadership executive talent. Edie has worked to support more than 200 corporate organizations, and she has worked with more than 100 CEOs in support of diversity practices. Talent recruitment and retention are her number one issue.

"To say thanks to SCORE is easy. We know SCORE to be perhaps the most important program that the government has created with millions of donated hours of counseling in communities across America," says Edie Fraser.

On a personal note, Edie has been a dynamic and energetic force for women in business and diversity nationwide. A resident of Washington, D.C., Edie is active in many worthy causes. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of SCORE and Advisory Board of the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy. She received the Big Brothers Public Service Award and was the recipient of the Big Brothers Most Outstanding Service Award for outstanding service to youth. Edie received the United States Peace Corps award and Peace Corps Princess with others from State Department and AID. Her commitment to mentoring and community service is an inspiration to all of us striving for equality and the opportunity to achieve the American dream.

THE DAILY 45: A SUBURBAN
YOUTH SNAPS

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday May 1, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, the Department of Justice tells us that, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. And while needless gun-related deaths continue to take place at a savage pace on Chicago's streets, including my district, we're not the only community in crisis.

The 45 people who die somewhere in America come in all shapes, sizes, colors and zip codes. In February of this year, in suburban Cockeysville, Maryland, 16-year-old Nicholas Browning confessed to taking his father's 9 mm Smith and Wesson and walking through his home and taking the lives of both his parents and his two younger brothers. According to his attorney, young Nicholas, an avid Sunday school student, apparently snapped for reasons unknown. One can only imagine what might have been if whatever demons he was confronting did not lead him to grab a gun.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will Americans say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

HONORING DR. LASLEY FOR 45
YEARS OF SERVICE AT BUFFALO
RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. DAVID DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday May 1, 2008

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Lasley for

his 45 years of service at Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church. Tennessee has been called the "Volunteer" state by the great efforts of our citizens during The War of 1812. Since The War of 1812 people like Dr. Lasley continue to show pride, dedication and service through volunteer efforts.

Dr. Lasley's wife Ellen, daughter Laurie, and sons Torrey and Calvin all embody the same giving and service oriented characteristics their father has bestowed upon them.

Since Dr. Lasley began his tenure in 1963, he grew the church from an average of 135 people per Sunday to over 766 per Sunday today. This is a true accomplishment and highlights his devotion to Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church and the parishioners who call that church home. What's even more is that Dr. Lasley helped spur a new donations program that has grown to receive about 1.7 million in total offerings in the year of 2007.

Dr. Lasley and Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church have continually shown their dedication to the community by leading its followers in five building construction programs. He has also emphasized missions and has even built a mission program that supports over 100 missionaries and mission agencies throughout the world.

Dr. Lasley's strong commitment to God is evident in the numerous hours devoted to studying His Word, preaching it, and encouraging others to become involved. Dr. Lasley has been a strong advocate for faith and has encouraged his church to live the same way leading by example.

Since Dr. Lasley took over Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church in 1963, he has been a true friend, asset, and noble man to Tennessee's First District. I ask that my colleagues join me today honoring Dr. Lasley for his great devotion, dedication, and service to Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church and Tennessee's First District.

HONORING MR. HERB RUBEN

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2008

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Herb Ruben, who is being honored by Peninsula Counseling Center at its 95th anniversary celebration on May 13, 2008. Herb Ruben has served with extraordinary devotion and dedication for the past 50 years as executive director of Peninsula Counseling Center, the largest non-profit community mental health center in Nassau County, New York.

Mr. Ruben has received many awards and has served in many capacities, always striving to strengthen and enhance the lives of individuals of all ages, to strengthen family life and to contribute to the social-psychological well-being of the community. He has served as past president of the Council of Family Service Agencies in New York State. He is the recipient of the Joseph M. Sokol Memorial Award from the Five Towns Community Chest; the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the New York Public Health Association, Long Island Region; and the Henry Brill Professional Award from the Nassau County Department of Mental Health for "outstanding achievements and leadership with the Mental

Health community of Nassau County." In addition, he was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the New York State Office of Mental Health.

Mr. Ruben has been a columnist with the South Shore Record where his articles "Within the Family" have appeared in the paper for more than 30 years.

Again, I wish to congratulate Herb Ruben and thank him for the leadership and direction he has brought to Peninsula Counseling Center, as its executive director. For 50 years, he has helped to make it the outstanding organization that it is.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID PLOTINSKY

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2008

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. David Plotinsky who recently left the House of Representatives to take a position with the Department of Justice.

Mr. Plotinsky served in the Office of the General Counsel for 10 years, first as a law clerk while he was a student at Georgetown Law School and, since 2000, as an Assistant Counsel.

Mr. Plotinsky provided frequent and invaluable legal advice and representation to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Our staff came to rely on his expertise and guidance in connection with many of their investigative and oversight activities, as well as in the Committee's interactions with the other branches of the federal government.

Over the years, Mr. Plotinsky played a significant role in safeguarding the legal and institutional interests of the House of Representatives, and he served the House with great distinction. I know that he will serve the Department of Justice with that same level of distinction.

On behalf of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I thank him for his many years of devoted service, and extend to him our very best wishes for his continued success.

HONORING SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY
VOLUNTEERS CONNOR
DANTZLER AND CHRISTOPHER
ANDERSON

HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2008

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor two young students from my district who have achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer community service by the 2008 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state and the District of Columbia.

Connor Dantzler of Damascus has just been named one of the top honorees in Maryland. An eighth-grader at John T. Baker Middle School, Connor is being recognized for his "Health through Humor" program. He has distributed over 5,000 joke books to patients,